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SUBJECT: BULGARIA SUPPORTS USG POSITION ON IRAN, BUT
NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT STATEMENT AT UNGA

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Classified By: CDA John Ordway for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Charge delivered reftel points to Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Minister Marin Raykov on September 16. Bulgaria agrees that Iran must respect the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and adhere to the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). However, Bulgaria is hesitant to commit to a statement on Iran at the UNGA until it consults with its European partners and further assesses the potential consequences on the trial of a Bulgarian citizen detained in Iran for drug smuggling. If convicted, the Bulgarian faces the death penalty and Raykov highlighted Bulgaria's need to proceed cautiously with Iran until the trial is concluded.
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